

House of Representatives approves Americans with Disabilities Act

The U.S. House of Representatives took a giant step toward expanding legal rights for America's 43 million people with disabilities on May 22 when it voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The House's 403-20 vote supports proposed legislation that would ban discrimination and require access to public transportation, services, accommodations, employment, and—most important for deaf people—telephone services.

The Senate passed a similar version of the ADA last September. Differences between the two legislative bodies' bills are expected to be ironed out in a joint conference this month. President George Bush has promised that once an agreement is met, he will sign the bill into law.

After learning of the House's passage of the ADA bill, Gallaudet President I. King Jordan, an outspoken supporter of the bill who has testified on its behalf before the House and the Senate, said, "In the short run, disabled people will have equal opportunity under the law. In the long run, attitudes will be changed toward disabled people."

With the passage of the ADA, deaf people will be able to use the telephone in the same way as hearing people.

The ADA will require all telephone companies to provide dual party relay services for local and long-distance calls within three years, allowing deaf people who use TDDs to make telephone calls at any time. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is required to set standards for relay systems.

Many states already have relay systems. These states may continue to

operate those systems, providing that they meet FCC standards.

The ADA also requires all public service announcements for television that are produced or funded by the federal government to be closed captioned.

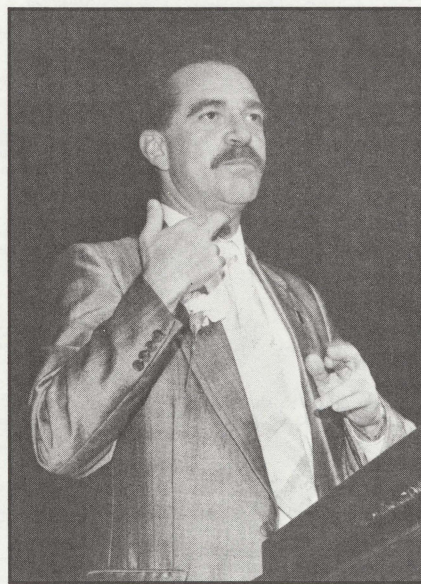
The bill applies many of the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to private businesses and state and local governments not receiving federal funds. The employment section of the bill requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations for disabled people, including qualified interpreters and TDDs.

State and local governments must provide access to their services, including a direct TDD line to their 911 telephone network. The public accommodations section, which includes restaurants, hotels, museums, and auditoriums, also requires the provision of auxiliary aids and services to ensure accessibility.

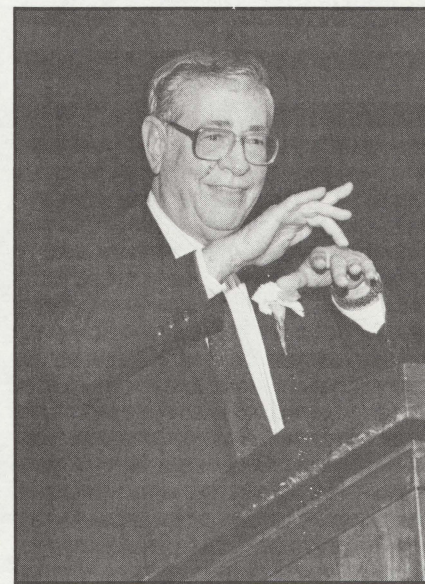
A degree of controversy has recently surrounded the ADA bill, however, because of an amendment offered by Rep. Jim Chapman (D-Tex.) on behalf of the National Restaurant Association. The amendment forbids restaurant employees with contagious diseases from handling food, even though the diseases may not be transmitted in this manner.

Opponents of the amendment say that although AIDS is not mentioned specifically, the amendment targets people affected by the disease.

National Center for Law and the Deaf Director Sy DuBow and attorney Karen Peltz Strauss provided legal assistance on the ADA.



Mervin Garretson (right) interim executive director for the National Association of the Deaf, and Dr. Michael Deninger, dean of Pre-College Programs, speak to Postsecondary Enrichment Program graduates at their commencement ceremony, held May 25.



Garretson urges PEP graduates to fight for rights as deaf people

The Postsecondary Enrichment Program (PEP) presented "certificates of completion" to 35 graduates of its Class of 1990 on May 25 in the Ely Center Auditorium.

PEP, which is administered through the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD), serves as a stepping stone between high school and college or vocational training. Since it opened in 1985, it has given about 30 students each year an academic boost toward passing the entrance exams to the colleges and technical training programs they choose.

Commencement speaker Mervin Garretson, interim executive director of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), told the students that they must fight for their rights as deaf people. He noted that in China deaf people are not allowed to marry each other, and that in Costa Rica and Colombia deaf

people are not permitted to drive.

"The reason these laws exist is that they don't have an NAD to advocate, to fight for their right to drive and to marry whom they please," said Garretson. "So when you finish school, you need to contact your state organization and work with them to fight for deaf people's rights."

Twenty-six of the graduates were accepted to Gallaudet University for fall 1990. In addition, 31 students also applied to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and 25 were accepted. Other students may attend community colleges or technical training programs elsewhere.

Dean of Pre-College Programs Michael Deninger, MSSD Principal Cynthia Bailes, PEP mathematics instructor Robert Fisher, and PEP coordinator of residence education Chuck Kelly presented the certificates.

Deaf enrichment, arts series begins

The Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival Lecture Series gets under way this week and continues throughout the month of July.

Lectures in the series will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. in Ely Auditorium. The lectures, sponsored by Programs in Adult and Continuing Education and the College for Continuing Education, are all free and open to the public.

Upcoming lectures include:

- June 7—"Preserving Deaf Culture through Folklore and Humor," Kathy Jankowski, instructor, Communication Arts Department. A look at stories and anecdotes found in the deaf community and the role they play in preserving

deaf culture.

- June 12—"Taking Control of Our Lives," Bridgetta Bourne, special projects intern, Professional and Community Training Program, National Academy. A discussion of changing attitudes that can enable young deaf adults to make positive choices that have an impact on the future of all deaf people.

- June 14—"German Deaf Culture," Jeffrey Dunefsky, biologist, Food and Drug Administration. A look at members of the German deaf community—their schools, jobs, and interactions with both the hearing and the deaf world.

Other lectures will be announced in future issues of *On the Green*.



KDES student Mariene Amores (foreground) breaks from the starting line in the 20-meter walk, an event that brought her a first-place gold medal in the annual Washington, D.C., Special Olympics, held at Gallaudet May 18 and 19. An estimated 850 athletes from D.C. public and private schools took part in the 1990 games, which began with a torch run relay by D.C. police. Besides numerous volunteers, the Baltimore Orioles and actors Joseph Phillips (*The Cosby Show*) and Stephen Williams (*21 Jump Street*) added to the excitement.

Deaf people's substance abuse and recovery is topic of seminar

Anyone involved in deaf people's recovery from substance abuse may find "Substance Abuse and Recovery: Empowerment of Deaf Persons," a national conference slated for Tuesday, June 5, through Saturday, June 9, at Gallaudet, of particular interest.

Professionals have signed up to attend the conference to learn and share information on substance abuse, deafness, mental health, the role of interpreters in the field, service delivery, and deaf and hard of hearing people in the recovery process. The conference is sponsored by the Gallaudet University Regional Center at Kendall Green, Deafpride, Inc., and New Beginnings: Psychiatric Institute of Washington, D.C.

Topics that will be covered at the conference include coping strategies for deaf people in recovery, diagnostic issues in alcoholism and drug abuse, interpreters' roles in the recovery process, empowerment and advocacy in the field of substance abuse, and therapy and counseling techniques used in working with deaf people with alcohol and drug problems.

Keynote speakers will be Dr. Betty Miller and Natalie Case-Austin. Miller is

a deaf alcoholism counselor who is currently involved with Deafpride, Inc., coordinating "Project: A Second Chance," a program for deaf substance abusers in the Washington, D.C. area. Case-Austin assisted in founding the first deaf Alcoholics Anonymous group in the world, "The Eye-Opener," and has led retreats for drug dependent women and lectured on spirituality and recovery.

On Saturday, June 9, there will be a banquet that will be open to the Gallaudet community at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel Hall. The guest speaker will be actress Valerie Landsburg, who has appeared in a number of Broadway and television hits, including "The Ryan White Story" and "Unspeakable Acts," and the TV series "Fame" and "Hotel." An alcohol-free disco party in "Ole Jim" will follow the banquet and Landsburg's talk at 9 p.m. To purchase banquet tickets, call x5346. Admission fee for the disco will be collected from non-conference members at the door.

For further information, contact Jackie Kinner, Regional Center director, College for Continuing Education, x5351; Deaftek: Gally.GURC; or Bitnet: JRKINNER@GALLUA.

Announcements

The annual "Ole Jim" summer Happy Hour will begin Thursday, June 7. Happy Hour will be held on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the summer from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free snacks will be provided.

The KanKouran West African Dance Company of Washington, D.C., will join with the MSSD Performing Arts Program for a special performance on Friday, June 8, at 8 p.m. in the MSSD auditorium. Admission is free.

The 1990 Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival Lecture Series begins this Thursday, June 7, with "Preserving Deaf Culture through Folklore and Humor," presented by Kathy Jankowski, an instructor in the Communication Arts Department.

The June 10 broadcast of Deaf Mosaic, which can be seen every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on The Discovery Channel, will feature a review of the book *The Week the World Heard Gallaudet* by Jack Gannon, special assistant to the president. Also on the show: "Mosaic Memoirs" highlights the attack on Pearl Harbor as seen by students at the nearby Hawaii School for the Deaf; karate champion Patty Lord; and the life of the late actor/dancer Sam Edwards.

Elderhostel focuses on hearing loss

The first of three Elderhostel programs being held on campus this summer started Sunday.

Adults who are 60 years or older have the opportunity to participate in special Gallaudet Elderhostels on "Hearing Loss in Later Years."

The first program is being held June 3-9 and the second will be held June 17-23. Both are for beginning-level participants. An advanced program for people who have previously attended Gallaudet's beginning program will be held July 8-14.

During the beginning workshops, participants learn about adjustment to hearing loss, and how to get help through hearing aids and other assistive communication technology. They also explore psychosocial aspects of hearing loss and learn about coping, adaptation, and enhancing interpersonal relationships.

Participants in the advanced program again explore psychosocial aspects of hearing loss, plus focus on improving communication strategies through a laboratory approach. A variety of lectures, activities, and a field trip provide additional cultural and educational experiences.

In addition to classes, all participants have the opportunity to attend city-wide lectures, theater, and other events.

People with questions about the programs can call the Special Populations Program, National Academy, x5096.



Children from the Child Development Center's 3 1/2- 4 1/2-year-old group perform a play about the seasons in Ely Auditorium on May 17.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received by June 8 will appear in the June 18 issue.

FOR SALE: 2 wood beds, 2 yrs. old, selling because moving, \$70/each. Call Miho, x5410, or 892-1990 (TDD) eves.

FOR RENT: Large sunny room in modern highrise, walk to Silver Spring Metro, avail. immediately, \$380/mo. inc. everything. Call 310-1037 (V).

FOR SALE: Beige couch, \$50/BO; queen-size bed, good cond., \$100/BO; china set, \$20; desk supplies, red, \$2-\$5/each; posters, \$1/each; books, 50 cents-\$1/each; lap set, \$5. Call Michele, 726-1972 days, or 249-9285 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: '72 VW Beetle w/4 good tires and new engine (not rebuilt), good cond., \$1,200/BO. Call Tony, 394-5054 (TDD).

FOR RENT: Full room in Fort Washington, Md., no kids, nonsmoker preferred, security deposit required, price neg. Call Jackie, x3011.

FOR RENT: Sublet room opposite Kendall Green, \$165/mo. inc. util. Call Kathy, x5245 (V), or x5226 (TDD).

FOR RENT: Nice, spacious house in Greenbelt, Md., 5 BRs, 3 1/2 baths, w/D, AC, DW, 2-car garage, fireplace, w/w carpet, close to 95 and 295, no smokers or pets, ideal for family or group to share, security deposit required, avail. Sept. 1, \$1,700/mo. plus util. Call Marybeth, \$45-5788 (TDD).

WANTED: House- and cat-sitter for townhouse in Capitol Hill area Aug. 1-31, free util., central AC, 5 blocks from Metro and 2 blocks from bus. Call x5160 or 547-1972 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Monochrome monitor and card, \$40; Kaypro 2 computer w/lots of software and documentation (not IBM compatible), \$50; TTX daisy wheel printer w/8 ribbons, \$75; 3 boxes continuous feed paper, \$40; engine analyzer, \$75; wooden garden cart, \$50. Leave message for Carol, x5591, or call 622-3629 (V) eves. before 8 p.m.

FOR SALE: Weider weight bench w/leg curl, padded backrest; 32 cast iron weights (8 10-lb., 12 5-lb., 12 3-lb.); 2 5-ft. solid steel bars w/chrome sleeves, 4 dumbbell handles, \$150. Call Rosemary, x5115.

FOR SALE: U.S. Air 1-way ticket to Miami, Fla., Thurs., June 13, 8:50 a.m., \$100. Call Nancy, x5928 (V), or x5466 (V/TDD), or 596-5081 (V) eves.

FOR SALE: '78 Toyota Celica GT Liftback, 5 speed, AC, AM/FM, loaded, 112K mi., reliable, \$990/BO. Call Del, x5068, or 998-0470 (TDD).

WANTED: Nonsmoker to share townhouse in Bowie, Md., 25-min. drive to Kendall Green, must like pet ferret, \$250/mo. inc. util. Call 344-2389 (TDD).

Among Ourselves

"Deaf Mosaic" production staff members have received six Emmy-award nominations for this year's D.C.-area Emmy awards. For program segments, the nominees are assistant production specialist Barry White for "Mosaic Memoirs: Learning To Drive" and senior producer/director Mary Lou Novitsky for "Prison Within A Prison." Nominees in the live program direction category are supervisor of television production Ron Reed for "Deaf Mosaic Deaf Way Opening Night" and post-production supervisor John Mullen for "Deaf Way Special." Mullen was also nominated in the audio/studio category for "Deaf Mosaic Composite," and producer Faith Powell was nominated in the writing category for "World Games for the Deaf Special." Emmy winners will be announced on June 16.

President I. King Jordan was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree at the May 13 commencement exercises at New England College in HENRIKER, N.H., where he also gave the commencement address.

Dr. Deborah Sonnenstrahl, chairwoman of the Art Department, presented the workshop "Fun at the Art Museum" for deaf high school students on April 28 at the Radisson Hotel in Des Plaines, Ill., as part of the International Creative Arts Festival sponsored by the Center on Deafness. She also served as a judge for the performing arts and Mr. and Miss Personality competitions. In addition, Sonnenstrahl presented "Legends of Jewish Deaf Artists and Their Friends" at a May 12 fundraiser at the Temple Beth Or in New York, N.Y.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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